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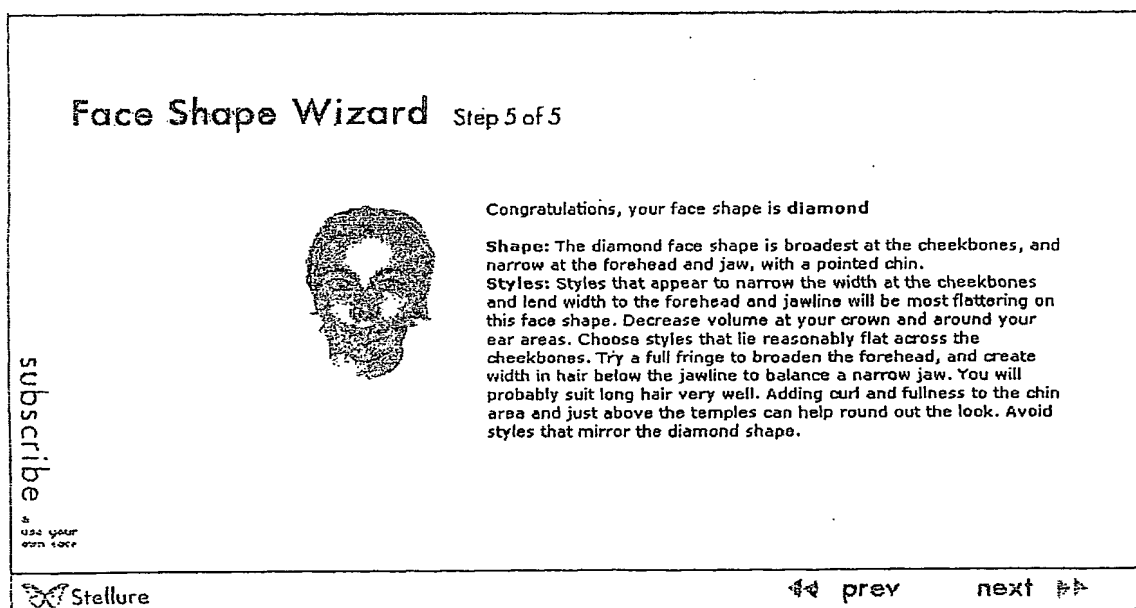
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method of compositing multiple images together preferably to display a composite 3-dimensional image of a user's face combined with a new hair style for the user. The method executed by the present invention includes the steps of initially receiving a 3-dimensional image of a hair style and a 3-dimensional image of the user's face. An initial pixel from a foreground hair layer image is combined with an initial corresponding pixel of a face image and an initial corresponding pixel from a background hair layer image. This process continues to generate a composite 3-dimensional image illustrating the user's face with the hair style pictured.

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